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DECLARATION
OF THE
KINGDOMES

OF
SCOTLAND and ENGLAND,

*Joyned in Armes for the vindication
and defence of their Religion, Liberties and Lawes,
against the Popish, Prelaticall, and
Malignant party;*

By the Honourable Convention of
the ESTATES of SCOTLAND, and
the Honourable Houses of the Par-
liament of ENGLAND.



EDINBURGH,

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most Excellent Majestie. 1644.

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THe Convention of Estates Ordains this Declaration of the Kingdomes of *Scotland* and *England* to be printed, that none pretend ignorance of the same.

Arch. Primerose Cler. Conven.



Die Martis, 30. Januar. 1643.

Ordere*d* by the Lords assembled in Parliament, that the Declaration of the Kingdomes of *England* and *Scotland* shall be forthwith printed by the Printer belonging to the House of Peeres, and that no man shall presume to print the said Declaration after the said Printer, as he will answer the contrary at his perill.

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IF either Christian duty , which by
reason of the light of the Gospel so
clearly shining amongst us , might
have been expected from the Profes-
sors of Religion; Or of naturall affe-
ction, which even in the Heathen and
Infidels ignorant of Christ , hath abounded toward
their Native Countrey ; or sincere respect to His Ma-
jesties Honour and Happinesse , could have been found
in the wayes or hearts of our common enemies , the
enemies of Truth and Peace; If they had either feared

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God or regarded men , or yeelded to our Importunities, We had not, after so many Petitions, Declarations and Remonstrances as have filled all mens eares and hands, been put to this necessity of a new Declaration (which therefore must be more pathetick and pressing then any of the former.) Nor after so many troubles and sufferings of the Kingdome of *Scotland*, after the desolation of the Kingdome of *Ireland*, and after so much blood , and so many unnaturall Tragedies in the Kingdome of *England*, had We been reduced to this present condition and joynt posture of Arms, the Lord whose counsels are a great depth, and who is righteous in all his wayes , and holy in all his works , hath just cause of controversie against us and this whole Island : But who would have beleaved that our Religion, Liberties and Lawes, which for so long a time have endured opposition and assaults of forreigne power, envying our happinesse, would have been opposed, oppressed , and trod under foot by the craft and cruelty of our own Natives and Countrey-men ?

In this our extremity, first of all We Declare, That We place not our confidence in our own counsels and strength, but our confidence is in God Almighty the Lord of Hosts , who will not leave nor forsake his people : It is his own Truth and Cause which Wee maintain with all the Reformed Churches, and which hath been witnessed and sealed by the testimony, sufferings, and blood of so many Confessours and Martyrs against the Heresie, Superstition, and Tyrannie of Antichrist : the glory of his own Name, the exaltation of the Kingdome of his Son , and the preservation of his Church, and of this whole Island from utter ruine and deva-

devastation is our aime , and the end which we have before our eyes : His Covenant have we in both Nations solemnly sworn and subscribed , which hee would not have put in our hearts to do, if he had been minded to destroy us : The many prayers and supplications which these many years past, but especially of late have been offered up with fasting and humiliation, and with strong crying and teares, unto him that is able to deliver and save us, are a seed which promise unto us a plentiful Harvest of comfort and happiness; and the Apostacy, Atheisme, Idolatry , Blasphemies, Prophanenesse, Cruelty, Excesse, and open mocking of all Godlinesse and Honesty, have filled the cup of our Adversaries to the brim, and threaten their speedie and fearfull destruction, unlesse it be prevented by such extraordinary repentance, as seemeth not yet to have entered into their hearts.

Upon these and the like grounds and considerations , being confident that this Warre wherein both Nations now firmly united are so deeply engaged, is of God ; We resolve with courage and constancy unto the end , to do our part ; and the Lord who hath stirred up our spirits , displayed his Banner before us, and given the Alarm, do that which seemeth him good.

Secondly , although every man is to hope for the principall reward of his service from God , who rewards every one according to his works ; yet we finde our selves bound in conscience and equity to Declare, that besides those who have the publick faith ingaged to them for their security , such as since the beginning have done valiantly, and dealt faithfully in this Cause, and such as have chosen rather to suffer the spoyle of their goods, then to assist the Enemy, or to take Arms

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against their Religion and Countrey, and shall continue constant in the same course of doing or suffering unto the end, shall be according to their Merits taken into publick Notice and Consideration, their losses (so far as may be) repaired, and themselves honoured and rewarded by such means and wayes, as we trust, God in his providence shal afford, and the Parliaments or Estates of the two Kingdoms respectively shall in their Wisdom, Justice and Thankfulnesse judge most convenient; so that no man who hath been eminent in action, or hath suffered any notable losse for the publique, shall be neglected or sleighted, but one way or other shall be thankfully remembred, to his own honour and the good of his posterity.

Thirdly, although Newtrality and indifferency in the time of the danger of Religion be a thing detestable to God, who willeth all Christians earnestly to contend for the Truth, and such as have been Newtrallists or indifferent in the times of civill division and danger of the Common-wealth, have been in all Nations severely punished as pernicious and publique enemies: yet that the consciences of all men may be the more convinced, and all pretexts removed, We give now *Publique Warning* to such persons to rest no longer upon their Newtrality, or to please themselves with the naughty and slothfull pretext of Indifferency, but that they addresse themselves speedily to take the Covenant, and joyne with all their power in the defence of this Cause against the common Enemie, and by their zeale and forwardnesse hereafter to make up what hath been wanting through their luke-warmnesse; this they will finde to be their greatest wisdom and safety: otherwise We do Declare them to be publique

lique Enemies to the Religion and Countrey, and that they are to be censured and punished as profes'd Adversaries and Malignants.

Fourthly , Because a great many of the multitude of the people, upon ignorant Mistakings , false Informations, and Threats, or Compulsions , against their wils and inclination, have been induced or constrained to joyne in Arms with the Enemies against their Religion and Native Countrey ; We do Declare , that all common Souldiers , who upon the humble acknowledgement of their former Errors , shall offer themselves willingly and speedily to take the Covenant, and shall joyn heartily and really in the defence of this Cause , as becometh good Christians and lovers of their Countrey , shall be freely accepted into the Covenant, and their former Error passed by ; otherwise let them expect the punishment of wilfull Delinquents and Malignants.

Fifthly, Because some of the Scottish Nation, upon their own private respects , or upon specious pretences and fair perswasions, have joyned themselves in Arms with the Popish , Prelaticall , and Malignant party, against the Parliament and Kingdom of *England* , and not considering the nature of the Cause in which they have been engaged, nor the deep interest of the Church and Kingdom of *Scotland*, upon which this Warre was to turn in the end, have been fighting against their own Religion and Native Kingdom ; We do therefore again *Warne* all such , of whatsoever quality , and in whatsoever place , speedily to withdraw themselves from that Faction , to confesse their mistakes, and to joyne in the Covenant and Cause of God in both Kingdoms before the first day of *March* next ; otherwise

wife We Declare , in the behalfe of the Kingdom of *England*, that they are to expect no favour , but are to be used as desperate Malignants : And We Declare, in behalfe of the Kingdom of *Scotland* , if they either continue in Arms after the foresaid first day of *March*, or withhold their help and assistance from their Native Countrey, in the time of trouble and danger, they are to be censured and punished as publick Enemies to their Religion and Countrey, perfidious transgressors of their Nationall Covenant, and their Estates disposed of for the use of the Publique.

Sixthly , Becaufe there are divers Noblemen, Knights, Gentlemen, Citizens, and others , who by forsaking or deserting the Parliament of *England*, and by joyning themselves to the Enemies of Religion, his Majesties happinesse, and Peace of the Kingdoms, have made the division greater, and the Breaches wider betwixt the King and his Parliament , and thereby, contrary to the duty of their places and callings , have been the cause of the shedding of much innocent Blood, of great Losses, and of many Miseries and dangers , to the Publique of both Kingdoms , and of the Sufferings of private men in their Estates and Lives, and yet are not to be reckoned amongst the prime Authors of this unnaturall Warre , nor amongst the malicious and desperate Enemies of their Religion and Countrey : We do Declare , That all such, forsaking their former Opposition , returning to their duty, and indeavouring the good of Religion and the publique Peace, shall, as to their lives and liberties of their persons, be secured, and shall be received into favour : But to the end, that a just difference may be made betwixt such persons returning so late to their duty , and those that

that never departed from it, they must expect that toward the payment of the publique Debts, relieving the common Burdens of the Kingdoms, and repairing of particular Losses; All which in a great part have been contracted and sustained by their default or procurement; their Estates in some proportions should be lyable, and that as the wisdom and discretion of the Parliament, or of such as shall be authorized by them, (who will be as carefull to prevent their ruine as to punish their Delinquencies) shall finde and judge to be necessary for that end.

Wherein also, the time of their returning and offering themselves, the reality of their affections and intentions, and readinesse to joyne in the common Cause and Covenant, will be taken into speciall consideration: And in case they persist in their Opposition, and shall not return before the first day of *March* next, they are not to expect favour, but shall be punished as publique Enemies to their Religion and Countrey.

Seventhly, Because Papists and Popish Recusants, according to the principles of their Profession, have ever been plotting and contriving the change of Religion in this Island, and the Ruine of all the Professors thereof: And after the Frustration of their Attempts, having waited upon such a time as this, have alienated the Heart of the Kings Majestie from his Protestant and Loyall Subjects, taken Arms against the Parliament and Kingdome, and by all their means and power, have maintained a Bloody and unnaturall Warre, presuming in the end to have their execrable Superstition and Idolatry set up in the place of the true Reformed Religion, and the King and his Kingdomes to be brought under the Power and Tyranny of the Pope:

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We do hereby Declare, That all such Papiſts and Popiſh Recuſants, who have been, now are, or ſhall be actually in Arms, under the falſe pretence of defending the Kings Perſon and Authority, are to look for no favour, but to be puniſhed as Traitors, and profeſſed and intolerable Enemies of Religion and their Native Countrey. The ſame Declaration We alſo make againſt all ſuch Iriſh Rebels, whether Papiſts or others, who have come over from *Ireland*, and aſſiſted in this Warre againſt the Parliament, and Kingdome of *England*.

And Laſtly, Becauſe there are ſome few wicked and diveliſh Spirits of both Kingdomes, who have kindled and fomented the Fire of Diviſion and Warre betwixt the King and his Parliament, or have miſgoverned his Majeſties Counſels and Courſes to his own diſhonour, and to the deſtruction of his loving and dutifull Subjects, or have infused Malignancie in others, or have been reſtleſſe and active Inſtruments of the Troubles and Miſeries of his Majeſties Dominions.

We do Declare, concerning thoſe who are or ſhall be found by the Supream Judicatories of the Kingdomes reſpectively, or their Committees appointed for that effect, to be ſuch, That as the Conſcience of their own bad Deſervings hath made them to deſpair of favour, and thereby unceſſantly to worke more and more miſchief againſt their Religion and Native Countrey, ſo are they to look for ſuch Execution of Juſtice, as is due to Traytours and Enemies of Religion, of the King, and his Kingdomes, for Terror and Example to others, in all times to come.

And it is further now Declared, That the whole Eſtates, reall, and perſonall, moveable, and Inheritance
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of those that shall not come in at the times before limited in the Sixth Article , and of the persons before excepted from Pardon, (as of Papists in Armes, Irish Rebels, and those who shall be found to come within the compasse of the precedent Article) shall be forfeited and imployed for paying the Publique Debts, relieving the common Burdens of the Kingdoms, and repairing of particular Losses.

And this Declaration We make , not from any presumption or vain-glorying in the strength of our Armies and Forces, but from the sense of that duty which is required and expected from the high places and publique relations wherein we stand, and from the assurance We have of the assistance of God , by whose providence the trust and safety of these Kingdomes is put into our hands at this time, having after long and grave consultation, resolved and decreed never to lay down Armes till Truth and Peace, by the blessing of God, be settled in this Island upon a firme foundation for the present and future Generations, which shall be esteemed of Us an abundant reward of all that Wee can do or suffer in this Cause.

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